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# Wisconsin Forestry Notes

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## DNR to hire foresters soon

*DNR is planning to hire both senior and entry-level foresters yet this fiscal year to help meet the workload demands.*

The DNR has announced the recruitment of Senior-level foresters and will soon announce that it is also recruiting Entry-level foresters. This effort will fill up to twenty vacant forester positions that will focus on the protection and sustainable management of state, county, and private forested lands.

Please help us recruit highly qualified foresters to Wisconsin and the DNR. If you or someone you know would like more information about these forester jobs, please contact Diane Brinson at 608/264-9237 or [Diane.Brinson@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:Diane.Brinson@dnr.state.wi.us)

Applications for the Senior Forester positions are due by November 11 and the announcement is available online at <http://dnr.wi.gov/employment/fte/forestersr.asp>

## State nurseries begin 2006 tree seedling sales

*Hundreds of forest landowners have already used the online system to place orders for tree seedlings from DNR since the 2006 sales began at the beginning of October. An online page also lists species still available from the three DNR nurseries located at Boscobel, Wisconsin Rapids and Hayward.*

State nursery tree sales for the spring 2006 planting season began on Monday, October 3rd. Forest landowners may purchase state nursery tree and shrub seedlings for reforestation and conservation projects.

Orders may be placed online or via the regular mail. Applications are available from local DNR offices, service centers, state nurseries, or by visiting the DNR website at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/forestry/Nursery/order/index.htm>.

The seedlings are distributed each spring from April through early May. The state nurseries produced and distributed nearly 15 million seedlings during the spring of 2005, restoring and enhancing over 16,000 acres of public and private forests in Wisconsin.

For information about the nursery program, contact [Greg Edge](#) at 608-785-9011.

## Wisconsin hosts state foresters in Madison

*Leaders from state forestry agencies around the country gathered in Madison earlier this month to discuss current issues and enjoy Wisconsin.*

The DNR Division of Forestry was proud to host a meeting of the National Association of State Foresters in Madison earlier in October to showcase the 16-million acre forest resource in our beautiful state and our progressive sustainable forestry programs. The 282 participants representing 50 states and 7 territories also infused some money into the local economy. A highlight of the conference was a field trip to the Aldo Leopold shack in Sauk County. To learn more about the National Association of State Foresters, visit <http://www.stateforesters.org/>

## Committee provides advice on water quality issues

*Best Management Practices (BMPs) are voluntary guidelines designed to minimize nonpoint source pollution during forest management activities. A reactivated committee will offer advice on the guidelines, monitoring and outreach efforts.*

The Forestry Best Management Practices (BMPs) Advisory Committee will be meeting on November 1, 2005 in Stevens Point. This is the advisory committee's first meeting since February 2004. Five new organizations have been invited to participate on the committee with the start of these meetings. The advisory committee is expected to meet three times a year and will be looking at a variety of issues, including the BMP manual, BMP monitoring, and the BMP program's outreach plan. Wisconsin's Forestry BMPs are voluntary guidelines designed to minimize nonpoint source pollution during forest management activities. A list of the organizations involved in the advisory committee and the agenda for the November meeting can be found at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/forestry/Usesof/bmp/advisory/>. For more information, contact Carmen Wagner, DNR Forest Hydrologist, at [carmen.wagner@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:carmen.wagner@dnr.state.wi.us) or 608-266-1667.

## Largest state forest master plan approved

*The new master plan for the 225,000-acre Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest was approved by the Natural Resources Board at their October 26 meeting in Tomahawk.*

A master plan that will guide future use and development of the largest state forest property in Wisconsin - the Northern Highland - American Legion State Forest - for the next 15 years was unanimously passed by the Natural Resource Board on October 26, 2005.

The plan lays out a 65,000 acre boundary expansion to the north, connecting the current forest boundary with Michigan. The expansion will provide high quality habitat and protect undeveloped lakes.

The plan also calls for many recreation developments, meeting the needs of a wide variety of users. A 2,200-acre recreation area, known as Bittersweet, was established as a non-motorized area with five wild and wilderness lakes, located just a short distance from the heavily populated Minocqua area. The plan calls for protection of critical habitats as well as maintaining a working forest with a sustainable forest management schedule.

One of the plan's top priorities is the creation and enhancement of existing camping, biking, and other recreation opportunities. Planners also placed a high priority on addressing the increasing demand of motorized recreation, particularly ATVs. The plan calls for allowing ATVs on designated trails, however no trails were designated in the plan. The Department will work with an external stakeholder group to identify areas that could potentially support sustainable ATV trails.

Other highlights of the plan include protecting scenic areas including lakeshores, river ways and roads, protecting natural areas and promoting active and passively managed old growth.

For more information about the plan, visit: [http://dnr.wi.gov/master\\_planning/nhal/](http://dnr.wi.gov/master_planning/nhal/)

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